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SUBJECT: MOZAMBIQUE'S FUTURE AND ANGOLAN ANALYSIS

REF: A) LUANDA 369; B) LOURENCO MARQUES 418

1. FORTUNATELY, ANGOLAN VIEWS DO NOT CORRESPOND VERY MUCH TO REALITY IN MOZAMBIQUE.

2. PORTUGUESE IN LOURENCO MARQUES AREA ARE JITTERY AND WORRIED FOR FUTURE (REF B), AND MANY TALKING ABOUT OR MAKING SOME PREPARATIONS FOR LEAVING, BUT ATMOSPHERE IS FAR FROM ELECTRIC. SITUATION CERTAINLY WORSE IN BEIRA AND VILA PEREIRA DISTRICTS, WHERE GROWING GUERRILLA ACTIVITY AGAINST TRANSPORTATION ROUTES AND WHITE CIVILIANS DOES HAVE PEOPLE TENSE AND EXCITED, AND ATMOSPHERE IN TOWNS LIKE VILA GOUVEIA AND INHAMITANGA IS APPARENTLY PANICKY AND COULD ERUPT IN LOCAL VIOLENCE. RACE RELATIONS AND ATTITUDES IN THIS AREA HAVE ALSO LONG BEEN MORE UNDER ANGLO/RHODESIAN INFLUENCE THAN OTHER PARTS OF TERRITORY, WITH CONSEQUENT GREATER EUROPEAN FEAR OF BLACKS.

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3. UDI SEEMS NO MORE LIKELY THAN IT HAS EVER BEEN, AND NOBODY IS EXPECTING RESCUE BY SOUTH AFRICAN OR RHODESIAN

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